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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

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TO: Participating Agencies and Stakeholders

Re: High-Speed Train Station Area Development

The California High-Speed Rail Authority [CHSRA] acknowledges the importance of development and value-capture at and around stations sites that support and promote HST ridership as well as the need for multi-modal and integrated station concepts. The goal of the Authority is to have local communities plan for a greater vision around their stations, as local needs and special requests should be incorporated into this planning. To promote this activity, the Authority aims to provide some supporting resources, both financial and otherwise, to support and encourage the local authorities to optimize these developments. Priority will be given to cities where the idea of having a HST station and its likely location are fairly well defined. This concept was recently presented to the Authority's Board.

The CHSRA has established draft guidelines ("HST Station Area Development: General Principles and Guidelines" attached) which cover aspects of what may be envisioned during this development phase. This is a slightly revised version of the same document adopted by the Authority board in 2005, and communicated at that time.

It has been decided to circulate this paper for review and comments, to those local communities possibly affected by HSR stations in their areas. Station Area Development is planned to appear as an action item for the Board Executive Committee meeting on September 1, 2010, where the Board will also be requested to approve a possible financial contribution or match to local funding needs.

We would request you to please review the draft guidelines and to please forward your comments and suggestions for improvement to Will Gimpel (gimpel@pbworld.com or 415-243-4620) by **August 27, 2010.**

I appreciate your input and your efforts to help the Authority work with local communities to build the best possible HST network for California.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roelof van Ark".

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